

**Bear Cub Newsletter**  
**Lynn Elementary School**  
**January 8, 2009**

- Happy New Year! We hope you all had a joyful and restful holiday break. We are excited to be back at school, and we look forward to a great second semester.

We've been busy!!! Things we did during the second nine weeks:

- Mrs. Veal hosted parent play day in P.E. Many parents came and engaged in P.E. activities with their children. It was fun for all!
- We celebrated School Bus Safety week; thank you to all the bus drivers that get our children safely to and from school.
- The Smith Lake Arts Council performed the play "You're A Good Man Charlie Brown."
- We had 191 parents visit our school on Parent/Teacher Conference Day.
- We celebrated Fire Prevention week with a special program by the Lynn Volunteer Fire Dept. They were able to have the special simulation smoke trailer brought for our students to experience. We thank these folks!
- We celebrated Red Ribbon Drug Awareness/Prevention week with many themed daily activities.
- "Dr. Bones" (Dr. Brian Manasco) from Manasco Chiropractic Clinic visited our students and encouraged us all to take good care of our bodies.
- We held our annual Harvest Festival, and it was a great success! Tonya Noles won the \$100, and Emma Baughn won the stadium blanket.
- Alabama Power Company representatives visited 4th grade and presented their Safetyopolis demonstration. This presentation reminded the students how to be safe around power lines and electricity.
- The Gideons visited our 5<sup>th</sup> grade classes and offered free Bibles to students.
- Students participated in the Alabama Gerontological Essay contest and the Farm City Poster contest.
- Santa Claus visited, and students got to have their picture taken with him.
- Parents and community members came and ate Thanksgiving and Christmas lunch with us.
- We honored our area veterans with a student assembly Veteran's Day program.
- Students participated in an "Every Kid Votes" presidential election and voting project.
- Mrs. Smith hosted the Crane Book Fair for students to be able to purchase books and other items of their choice. Thank you to the parents who came and volunteered to run the fair and help Mrs. Smith.
- The Girl Scouts have held regular meetings on Mondays during the first semester.
- "Elfis and the Sleigh Riders" performed at our PTO Christmas Program. Donations were taken from the audience to support our Toys for Tots program; \$275.68 was collected – THANK YOU!
- The Band performed their annual Christmas concert, and they did an excellent job!
- The Bouncing Bears have performed at some of our basketball games. They will be practicing and performing again this second semester.

Congratulations and thank you to the following:

- Emma B. was the K-3 winner of the Farm City Poster Contest; Cody N. was the runner up. Ryon D. was the 4-6 winner, and Hannah H. was the runner up.
- Katie H. was awarded a Superior rating in piano playing by the National Federation of Music.
- Brandon and Breigh had their essays selected as winners of the Alabama Gerontological Essay Contest. They wrote about their special grandparents, Bill Heck and James Spain.
- Angel C. was featured in an article in the District 2 Winston County Official Newsletter of the Alabama Association of Volunteer Fire Departments (Oct.-Dec. 2008 Issue). Angel had 21 inches of her hair cut (that had never been cut before), and she donated it to "Locks of Love."
- Our 2009 Lynn Elementary Scholar's Bowl team has been set: Captain – Autumn B., Members – Sam H., Logann S., Peyton M., Trae A., Harlee B., and Brandon H.. The watchers are Garrett C., Chance H., and Joey P.

- Our mid-year Math Riverdeep scores were very good. These students earned a perfect mid year score of 100% - Angel C. 3<sup>rd</sup>, Savannah R. 4<sup>th</sup>, Thomas T. 1<sup>st</sup>, Chloe C. 1<sup>st</sup>, Savannah H. 1<sup>st</sup>. Mrs. Sophia tells us that Meek Elementary is close on our heels. We have always held the top spot in the county in our Riverdeep scores, but Meek is closing in. Work hard!!!
- Mrs. Jennifer Baker and Mrs. Lisa Cagle have just earned their Master's Degree in December.
- Mrs. Sophia Bridgmon is going to be a grandmother in August! Congrats!!!
- We appreciate all of our community partners that do so much for our school.

Things to be aware of:

- Continue to remember Mrs. Gwen Cornelius and Mrs. Darleen Neuheisel as they remain off work attending to their physical recoveries.
- Lynn Schools will be going through a huge lunchroom review and audit next week. No student is allowed to have a deficit in his/her lunch account. Please make sure your student has money in their account at all times. Thanks!
- LHS will be having a blood drive on January 14. Please come and support this project.
- Scoliosis screening will be held for students in grades 5-9 on January 27.
- The first grade will be going to the movies to see "The Tales of Devereaux" on January 15.
- The kindergarten will be going to the Circus on January 29.
- The first progress report of this 3<sup>rd</sup> nine weeks will be sent home on January 30.
- Our Learning Tree after school enrichment program will begin on January 12. Ms. Elliott and Mrs. Smith will be the teachers. High school students, Alicia Parrish and Sara Tucker will be assisting. This program is designed to be fun filled as well as educational! Letters went home about the program, but if you need more information just call the school. The space is limited to 15 students and is first come/first served. We still have some spots available. Let us know if you're interested.
- Be sure to pay close attention to your child's school attendance. An excused absence allows a student to make up his or her work, but remember, nothing can ever replace that classroom experience that was missed. Remember too, school begins at 7:50 everyday, so don't be tardy.
- If you are going to make adjustments in your child's transportation arrangements, please make sure you call the school by 2:15 p.m. so we can be sure and get the message delivered correctly and in plenty of time.
- With the economy being so bad, if your income has changed due to a job loss or for some other reason, you may fill out a free and reduced lunch application at any time. Just call the school and request one.

Thanks for all you do to support your child and our school. WE APPRECIATE YOU!